

Appl. No. 09/403,192
Amdt. dated November 7, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 35-71 are pending in the subject application, with allowable Claims 35-37 being in independent format. This Amendment and Reply to the Final Office Action, mailed May 5, 2005, is being filed with a 3-month extension of time fee payment, therefore extending the response period to Monday, November 7, 2005.

Claims 14-34 have been canceled in order to expedite allowance of the remaining pending claims. New Claims 38-71 have been added. These claims depend from allowable Claims 35, 36, and 37. Claims 38-48 are drawn to subject matter recited in canceled Claims 17-20, 23, and 27-32, and depend from allowable Claim 35. Claims 49-59 are drawn to subject matter recited in canceled Claims 17-20, 23, and 27-32, and depend from allowable Claim 36. Claims 60-71 are drawn to subject matter recited in canceled Claims 17-20, 23, 24, and 27-32, and depend from allowable claim 37.

It is urged that support for all the above amendments may be found throughout the specification as originally filed and that none of the amendments constitute new matter or give rise to prosecution history estoppel.

Conclusion

In the final Office Action mailed May 5, 2005, the Examiner indicated that Claims 35-37 were allowable. In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe that they have addressed all of Examiner's concerns. Early consideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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